(v) Petrol with 1% Benzene maximum is made available in the NCT of Delhi from 1.11.2000 and in Mumbai from 1.1.2001. Petrol with 3% Benzene maximum is made available in Kolkata and Chennai from 1.4.2000.

(vi) Emission norms for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) driven vehicles have been made effective from 9.2.2000. Comprehensive emission norms for CNG driven vehilces including safety and procedural requirements for type approval of CNG and LPG operated vehicles were notified on 19.11.2001.

(vii) Emission norms for Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) driven vehicles have been notified.

New variety of wheat by IARI

*749. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in order to meet the goal of increased agriculture productivity by 2020; Indian Agriculture Research Institute has come with a new variety of wheat;

(b) if so, whether because of this variety, it is possible to achieve 15-20 per cent higher yield than other types available in the country;

(c) whether any proposal in this regard has been worked out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) in which States, this new variety of wheat is being supplied?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi is in the process of developing of a New Plant type for realizing higher yield in wheat. The new genotypes are expected to give a quantum jumpin wheat productivity.

(b) The new genotypes have yielded upto 15—20% higher as compared to currently popular varieties such as PBW 343, HD 2329 and UP 2338 in the preliminary yield trials conducted by the institute.

(c) to (e) The new genotypes are yet to be tested in All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme in different regions and situations in the country for assessing their suitability and adaptability. Once, their superiority is established, varieties could be identified, released and notified as per normal procedure for their commercial cultivation.

Schemes for fishermen in A.P.

*750. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any schemes for the benefit of poor fishermen in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of fishermen benefited under each scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Various schemes such as National Welfare of Fishermen, Fisheries Training and Extension, Development of Marine Fisheries, Development of Freshwater and Coastal Aquaculture and Fishing Harbour Facilities at Major and Minor Ports are implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries and for the benefit of fishermen.

(c) In most of the schemes the assistance is provided for creation of infrastructure. However, according to the information received from the State Government 4.21 lakh fishermen have been benefited under the scheme National Welfare of fishermen during last three years.

Diversion of Rail Development Funds

*751. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-items appearing in Malayalam Daily Mathrubhoomi dated 9th April, 2002, that the southern Railway Zonal officials are diverting the funds allocated for the Rail Development, to some other States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that rupees 90 crore allotted for doubling